

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendment and the following arguments are provided to impart precision to the claims, by more particularly pointing out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

35 U.S.C. § 102(e) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 1-9, 17, 19, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,999,997 (hereinafter "Pipes").

To establish *prima facie* obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. *In re Royka*, 490 F.2d 981, 180 USPQ 580 (CCPA 1974). (Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) ¶ 2143.03).

Applicant's independent claims 1, 12, and 17, include limitations that are not disclosed nor suggested by the Pipes reference. As a result, Applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Pipes.

In particular, Applicant's independent claims 1, 12, and 17, include the limitation, or a limitation similar thereto, of a first operating system on the core computer and a second operating system on the notebook computer, the first operating system on the core computer being smaller in size and having less functionality than the second operating system.

Pipes, however, only discloses an operating system in each of the two computers, with the operating systems being of equal size and functionality. (See abstract of Pipes). Therefore, applicant's independent claims are not anticipated by Pipes because applicant's claims include limitations that are not disclosed nor taught by Pipes.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Examiner rejected claims 12-14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pipes, in view of U.S. Patent 5,793,957 (hereinafter "Kikinis").

The examiner has rejected claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kikinis, in view of U.S. Patent 5,884,049 (hereinafter "Atkinson").

The examiner rejected claims 10-11 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pipes, as applied to claims 1-9, 17, 19, and 21 above and further in view of Atkinson.

And, the examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pipes in view of Kikinis and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,754,798 (hereinafter "Uehara").

Applicant's remaining claims depend from at least one of the independent claims discussed above, and therefore include the distinguishing claim  
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limitations as discussed above. As a result, Applicant's remaining claims are also patentable over Pipes, Kikinis, Atkinson, and Uehara.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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